



New Member Joins Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint is pleased to announce that Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snow has appointed Ms. Susan Kare to the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC).

Ms. Kare was recommended to the Secretary by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, in accordance with Public Law 108-15, to fill one of four CCAC positions recommended by Congressional leadership. Ms. Kare designed the original desktop icons for the Apple and Macintosh operating system in 1984 and Microsoft Windows in 1986, and her designs have become a critical part of the computer age. After receiving a Doctorate in Fine Arts from New York University, she moved to the San Francisco area. In 1987, she was a founding partner of Susan Kare, LLP, a design practice in San Francisco. Ms. Kare is the 2001 recipient of the Chrysler design award.

On April 23, President Bush signed into law the "American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003" (Public Law 108-15), which established the CCAC, composed of 11 members: one qualified in numismatic collection and curation; one qualified in the medallic arts or sculpture; one qualified in American history; one qualified in numismatics; three representing the interests of the general public, and; four individuals recommended by the leadership of both the House and Senate.

"I congratulate Ms. Kare, and welcome her to the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee," said United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore. "I am confident that her expertise and experience will prove to be invaluable to the Secretary of the Treasury as he is called upon to approve memorable coin designs that capture the history of our Nation."

The CCAC advises the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, commemorative coins and medals. The CCAC also makes commemorative coin recommendations to the Secretary and advises on the events, persons, or places to be commemorated, as well as on the mintage levels and proposed designs. The CCAC submits an annual report to Congress and the Secretary describing its activities and providing recommendations.

The Committee is subject to the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury. The United States Mint is responsible for providing the necessary administrative support, technical services, and advice to the Committee. Committee members are not paid for their time or services but, consistent with federal travel regulations, members are reimbursed for their travel and lodging expenses to attend a minimum of two meetings each year.

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